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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A pneumatic tire, comprising:

a carcass containing at least one toroidal carcass ply,

a tread rubber arranged radially outwardly on the crown portion of the carcass, and

a belt consisting of at least one belt layer arranged between the tread rubber and the

carcass, said belt layer containing cords extending in a direction inclined from the tire's

circumferential direction,

wherein at least one circumferential reinforcement layer containing meandering cords

extending generally along the tire's circumferential direction in a wavy or zigzag shape is

provided radially outwardly or inwardly on the belt or between the multiple belt layers, and at

least one transversal reinforcement layer containing straight cords extending generally

perpendicular to the tire's circumferential direction is provided on the position radially outwardly

adjacent to the crown portion of the carcass,

wherein the sum of the transversal strengths of the carcass, the transversal reinforcement

layer, the circumferential reinforcement layer and the belt including their coating rubbers is 30

kN/25mm or more at the tire's equatorial plane.

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2. (Original): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the inclined angle of the

straight cords of the transversal reinforcement layer with respect to the tire's circumferential

direction is within a range of 90±20 degrees.

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended): A pneumatic tire, comprising:

a carcass containing at least one toroidal carcass ply,

a tread rubber arranged radially outwardly on the crown portion of the carcass, and

a belt consisting of at least one belt layer arranged between the tread rubber and the

carcass, said belt layer containing cords extending in a direction inclined from the tire's

circumferential direction,

wherein at least one circumferential reinforcement layer containing meandering cords

extending generally along the tire's circumferential direction in a wavy or zigzag shape is

provided radially outwardly or inwardly on the belt or between the belt layers, and at least one

transversal reinforcement layer containing straight cords extending generally perpendicular to the

tire's circumferential direction is provided on the position radially outwardly adjacent to the

crown portion of the carcass, The pneumatic tire according to claim 1,

wherein the ratio of the sum of the transversal strengths of the carcass, the transversal

reinforcement layer, the circumferential layer and the belt including their coating rubbers to the

sum of the circumferential strengths of them is 0.55 or more at the tire's equatorial plane.

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5. (withdrawn): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the belt consists of

one belt layer, and the inclined angle of the cords of the belt layer with respect to the tire's

circumferential direction is 10 to 60 degrees.

6. (previously presented): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the belt

consists of two or more belt layers; the cords of the adjacent belt layers cross each other; the

inclined angle of the cords of the belt layers with respect to the tire's circumferential direction is

10 to 60 degrees; and the cords of the radially adjacent belt layers extend in the mutually

opposite directions with respect to the tire's circumferential direction.

7. (previously presented): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the width of

the transversal reinforcement layer is 0.35 times or more as large as the tread width.

8. (previously presented): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the width of

the transversal reinforcement layer is 0.95 times or less as large as the tread width.

9. (previously presented): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the straight

cords constituting the transversal reinforcement layer are non-extensible cords.

10. (withdrawn): The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the straight cords

constituting the transversal reinforcement layer are extensible cords having an initial elongation

of 0.2 % or more.

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11. (withdrawn): The pneumatic tire according to claim 10, wherein the straight cords

constituting the transversal reinforcement layer are extensible organic fiber cords.

12. (withdrawn): The pneumatic tire according to claim 10, wherein the straight cords

constituting the transversal reinforcement layer are extensible steel cords.

13. (new): A pneumatic tire, comprising:

a carcass containing at least one toroidal carcass ply,

a tread rubber arranged radially outwardly on the crown portion of the carcass, and

a belt consisting of at least one belt layer arranged between the tread rubber and the

carcass, said belt layer containing cords extending in a direction inclined from the tire's

circumferential direction,

wherein at least one circumferential reinforcement layer containing meandering cords

extending generally along the tire's circumferential direction in a wavy or zigzag shape is

provided radially outwardly or inwardly on the belt or between multiple belt layers, and

at least one transversal reinforcement layer containing straight cords extending

perpendicular to the tire's circumferential direction is provided on the position radially outwardly

adjacent to the crown portion of the carcass.